

WEEQUAMIC COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTIVITY NOTES

Our newest block group, Renner Ave., reports that an application for a zoning variance to use three one-car garages on Scheerer Ave. for warehousing. The chairman of the two Scheerer Ave. block groups and president of the Council inspected the premises and agreed that the proposal was not in the best interest of the street in that it would entail trucks parking and loading on a second residential zone block. Unless opinion to the contrary is submitted to the Council by individual block groups in the next week, the Council will file objection to the proposed action. We would urge to support the Scheerer Avenue blocks and file similar protests with the Newark Board of Adjustment. This matter is scheduled for hearing by that group February 14.

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Nadeline Dorkin, chairman of the Education Committee, has scheduled a meeting of that committee at her home, 30 Stengel Ave., for Thursday, Jan. 31, at 8 pm. Interested members of your group should be urged to attend, since this is undoubtedly one of the most important activities of the Council.

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The first meeting of our special committee on "It's Great To Live In Weequamic" will be held Wednesday evening, Jan. 30, at 249 Pomona Ave. Please have at least one or two people from your block group present at this meeting. Some of the ideas for the June program will be formulated.

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Haywood Ragin of the Renner Avenue Block Group reports his organization intends to offer a prize for the best maintained home, garden and lawn. Some other blocks may wish to consider such a commendable program.

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The Upper Ichigh Avenue Group reports a successful experiment on its block. Every member of the group leaves his porch light burning until midnight or whenever they retire. In addition to the cheery atmosphere this presents, it also deters anyone bent on mischief or mugging.

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At the behest of Irv Friedman of the Upper Scheerer Avenue Block Group, the Council is protesting to Mr. Cyr of the Traffic Regulations Bureau, City Hall, the fact that parking meters operate until 9 pm on Bergen St. We would appreciate your block groups supporting this action to return the meter time to a 6 pm closedown.

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If you know anyone on an un-organized block who might be interested in organizing or joining the Council, please contact Mury Berlinut or Murray Aboff.

The following listing outlines the present Committee structure of the Weequahic Community Council, with the special projects which must be handled. In addition, each of the Standing Committees will tackle the specific spot problems which arise which fall within their area of concern.

COMMITTEEPROJECTS OR FUNCTIONStanding Committees

Housing

1. Work for open occupancy law on local and state level.
2. Press for ordinance for "Certificate of Legal Use" as part of sale process.
3. Develop a program to cope with unethical "block busting" techniques of realtors.
4. Handle problems of housing code and zoning violations which cannot be handled by block groups.

Recreation

1. Development of city-owned lots as green areas for rest and play for mothers with young children and senior citizens.
2. Improvement and maintenance of Weequahic Park and possible expansion of facilities.

Education

1. Concern itself with the quality of staff, curriculum, and facilities in Weequahic's schools.
2. Develop a program of action that will lead to full and equal educational opportunities in adequate school structures with all necessary staff, facilities, and materials throughout the Newark school system.

Block Organization

1. Help in the organization of new block groups.

Operations

1. Assist with mechanical details such as typing, telephoning, distribution, etc.

Special Committee

"It's Great to Live
in Weequahic"

Plan and organize community-wide program for June illustrating advantages of the area and stimulating community pride.

WEEQUAHIC COMMUNITY COUNCIL BLOCK GROUPS AND CHAIRMEN:

Bock Ave.	Donald Payne - 14	Bi 8-1752
Eckert Ave.	Alonzo Wright - 44	Bi 2-5121
Lower Custer Ave.	John Williams - 55	Wa 3-6395
Upper Custer Ave.	John Ponder - 238	Wa 6-2298
Stengel-Porter Aves.	Mrs. Elaine blumgart-41 Stengel	Wa 6-0713
Lower Lehigh	Dr. Joseph M. Perell - 90	Wa 3-7548
Lower Shephard	Leonard Chevis - 70	Wa 3-0341
Leeker Ave.	Jerry Martin - 324	Wa 6-5947
Parkview-Harding Terr.	Mrs. Ingrid Price-22 Parkview	Wa 6-1411
Upper Lehigh	Maurice Berlinut - 150	Wa 3-5661
Lower Scheerer	Rev. W. L. Pierce - 38	Wa 6-5637
Chadwick Ave.	Willie West - 395	Bi 3-4030
Upper Mapes Ave.	Bela Gallo - 193	Wa 3-5850
Lower Mapes Ave.	Seymour Tublin - 29	Wa 6-5505
Upper Shephard	Gery M. Skoloff - 122	Wa 3-4561
Weequahic Ave.	Jack Ritter - 99	Wa 6-2719
Seymour Ave.	LeRoy Smith - 357	Bi 3-3982
Upper Scheerer	Irving Friedman - 160	Wa 3-9445
Huntington Terr.	Calvin Miller - 98	Wa 3-5171
Goodwin Ave.	Mayer Cohen - 165	Wa 3-5533
Lower Renner Ave.	Haywood Ragin - 96	Wa 3-1740

conducted for reaction.

HOUSING COMMITTEE Rev. Pierce described the survey conducted in the 14-block rehabilitation area in Clinton Hill. It was moved and carried that the Weequahic Community Council support the stand of the Clinton Hill at the City Council meeting January 16, with regard to the use of an area designated for a park, and an open occupancy law.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE Abe Chinoy reported that the committee was trying to structure the constitution so that the dominant factor in the Council is the block group. Drafts will be prepared. The question was raised as to what part institutions such as the YMHA should play in the membership of WCC.

ROUTE 78 In view of a meeting between Gov. Hughes and Mayor Addonizio, to be held on January 18, it was decided to send each a night letter endorsed by the block groups reminding them of the WCC's position.

IT'S GREAT TO LIVE IN WEEQUAHIC The committee is desperately in need of workers. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Hale and Mr. and Mrs. Logan will be working with them, and each chairman was urged to get workers from his block group.

A discussion followed on standing committees and their functions, and it was moved and carried that a list of these be sent to each of the block chairmen.

Mrs. Hale was suggested as secretary to fill the role vacated by Mrs. Friedman.

A proposal was made to avail ourselves of the use of a city agency's newspaper facilities. It was moved and carried that we accept the offer.

NEW BUSINESS Irving Friedman of Scheerer Ave. Block Group reported on problems with which his group is concerned, regarding the removal of bus stops on the #8 and #48 bus lines; and the restrictions on parking from 7 am to 9 pm on Bergen St. The WCC will protest these actions. He also suggested that it would be advantageous for two or more groups to plan combined program. In line with this, it was proposed that all block chairmen be given a list of each group and its officers.

It was the feeling of the group that ways of strengthening block groups be made part of the meetings' agenda, and that general meetings are essential to promote a feeling of loyalty in the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
RUTH ABOFF, Acting Secretary

WEEQUAHIC COMMUNITY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 15, 1963

249 Pomona Avenue

Murray Aboff, President, presiding

PRESIDENT:

Mrs. Gladys Wilson	Seymour Ave.	Irving Friedman	- Upper Scheerer
William Washington	" "	Madeline Dorkin	- Stengel Ave.
Mrs. M. Logan	" "	Elaine Blumgart	- " "
Leroy Smith	" "	Rev. Pierce	-Lower Scheerer
Dr. Joseph M. Perell	Lower Lehigh	Gary Skoloff	- Shephard Ave.
Reginald Hale	" "	Irving Piltch	- Custer Pl.
Calvin Miller	Huntington Terr.	Abe Chinoy	- Uruman Ave.
Maurice Berlinrut	Upper Lehigh	Rev. Alva Decker	- Upper Weequahic

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m.

CONCERN/COMPLAINT: A letter from George Oberlander, City Planning Officer, regarding a meeting with WCC; a letter from Assoc. Community Council announcing workshop on "Human Aspects of Urban Renewal;" a bill from Assoc. Community Council for membership dues. Motion made and carried to pay \$5. dues. A letter from Mayor's Human Relations Commission requesting names for nominees for Human Relations Award for 1963. A letter from the Assoc. Community Council about a forum to be held Jan. 23, at the YMCA on "Land, Jobs and Population - 1985". Irving Piltch described the program in more detail and urged all to attend.

A letter from Arnold Harris of the Jewish Community Council to set up a meeting between him and WCC; a letter from Councilman Lee Bernstein together with a letter he received from Councilman Brickley of Detroit, describing their fair housing law and its background; a letter from Frankel and Heber expressing regrets over our reaction to their advertising tactics; a sample letter from Stanley Winters of Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council to be sent to the Board of School Estimates and the Mayor, outlining points to be considered in the new budget. Motion made and carried to send such letter in the name of the Weequahic Community Council.

A letter from Joseph Sheehan of Council of Social Agencies, advising possibilities of getting used mimeograph machine reasonably; a letter from YMHA offering temporary mimeograph facilities; a letter from Mrs. Larrie Stokes, Executive Secretary of Newark Planning Board, with list of zoning variations in Weequahic area; a letter from Mayor Addonizio offering full cooperation for "It's Great To Live in Weequahic" program.

BLOCK GROUPS COMMITTEE Maury Berlinrut reported that two meetings are planned in Huntington Terrace, and progress has been made in the Bragaw Avenue section. Abe Chinoy reported that of the three block groups who expressed concern about their relationship with WCC, one - the Goodwin Ave. Group - voted their affiliation at a meeting January 14. A discussion followed about the suggestion that a Council representative be present at each of the block group meetings. It was resolved that this be left to the discretion of the chairman.

RECREATION COMMITTEE Leroy Smith reported that he and Murray Aboff plan to inspect vacant city-owned lots suitable for park areas for children under six, and senior citizens. It was suggested a neighborhood survey be